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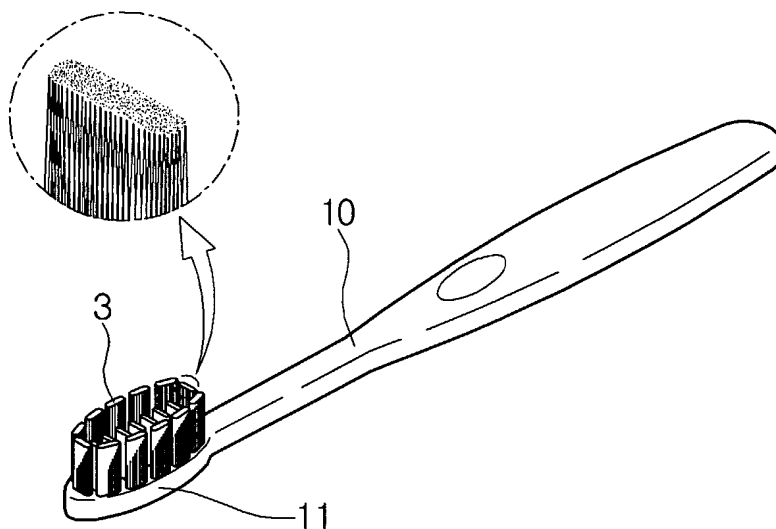
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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a functional toothbrush which enhances both the penetration into gaps between teeth and the efficiency of brushing tooth surfaces. The functional toothbrush includes rows which each have needle-shaped bristles (3) set in a longitudinally elongate groove (1) and which are longitudinally arranged along an outer edge of a head part (11) of a toothbrush body (10). The functional toothbrush further includes other rows which each have needle-shaped bristles (3) set in a latitudinally elongate groove (1') and which are longitudinally arranged on a central portion of the head part (11) of the toothbrush body (10). A length of each of the needle-shaped bristles (3) set in the central portion of the head part (11) is longer than a length of each of the needle-shaped bristles (3) set in the longitudinal elongate groove (1) by 1.5-3.5mm. Each of the elongate grooves (1, 1') has an elliptical shape.

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